



Palmer Hall Chapel

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 9 a.m. ☩ The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to the Palmer Hall service

We are delighted you are here. Wherever you might be on your faith journey, we hope your experience here will strengthen and affirm you. We are sure that your presence among us today strengthens others, and we welcome you to join in everything that St. Stephen's offers. Every Sunday, we offer several different services of worship (at 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 and 8 p.m.), each with its own character. At 9 a.m., two services are happening simultaneously—one in the main church, and this one which takes place in Palmer Hall Chapel.

The Palmer Hall service for some feels especially welcoming to families, particularly those with babies and children. Both of the 9 a.m. services—this one, and the one in the main church—include important roles for children, and people of all ages are welcome at any service. In Palmer Hall, our worship space includes a “soft space.” This is an area with a rug, floor cushions, and children's books where children can move a bit more freely and comfortably than they can in rows of seating. Please accompany your child to the soft space if and when they want to visit it; this helps us ensure the safety and comfort of our whole community.

Both of the 9 a.m. services include Holy Eucharist. All are welcome at the altar in this place. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to intinct, touching the edge of the bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms on the front of your chest. Children who have been baptized are welcome to receive communion. The important thing is that you know God welcomes you and that this church welcomes you. Please come back often.

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

Opening Hymn Hop up and jump up *Sung by all, standing, several times.* Shaker Canon

Hop up and jump up and whirl 'round whirl 'round; Ga-ther love, here it is
all 'round all 'round; Here it is, flow - ing 'round,
catch it as you whirl 'round; Reach up, reach down, all 'round all 'round.

Opening Prayer

Deacon This is the day that the Lord has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Exodus 32:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 51:1-11

Said responsively by whole verse, seated.

Prayer Book, page 656

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

The Gospel Song Celtic Alleluia

Sing with Joy

Sung twice by all, standing, before and after the Gospel.



The Gospel Luke 15:1-10

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Wondering The Rev. Abby Kocher

The children are invited to gather on the center rug.

The Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe God's Spirit too,
comes to tell me what to do.**

**I believe that I can be
kind and good,
dear Lord, like thee.**

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.

Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially those who suffer in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and all other places of conflict,

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially _____]. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for _____.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift online (use the QR code, or text STSTEPHENSVA to 73256), or in the offering plates as they come by.



Offertory music

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical notation is on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

The children are invited to follow the ushers forward to sit on the rug in front of the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is on four staves in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Celebrant

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember Jesus' death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Mason Martens, S-152

Cantor

At the Communion of the People

Communion will be served at two stations, standing. All are welcome to come forward. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms on the front of your chest.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Please stand.*

All **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing Song *Go Now in Peace* *Sung by all, standing.*
**Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Natalie Sleeth

Hymn 664 *My shepherd will supply my need* *Sung by all.*

Resignation

Dismissal

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony

DEACON: The Rev. Abby Kocher

MUSICIAN: Paul Honaker, *piano*

The Parish Prayer List

Charles Adams, Richelle Anderson, Abigail Palmer Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Patricia Atkins-Smith, *Sue Atkinson*, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Ken Blaisdell, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, *Gene Bowles*, Liz Brengel, Sturges Brian, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, Pat Brown, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, Matt Boyd, Patti Bullen, the Robert Burns family, Ann Campbell, Tammy Carleton, Scott Carnohan, Paula Chambers, Helen Clendenin, Percy Cochran, Sarah Cole, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Kathy Conrad, Stephanie Copeland, John Corey, Randy Correll, Tom Coulbourn, Michelle Crim, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Daniel and family, Chris Davis, Patricia Delany, Alan Demascus, Jackie Dering, Ham DeRosa, Terry Dickinson, Davis Dunn Dillard, Barbara Hall Dunn, Charlotte and Wade Elliott, Proctor Ford, Guy Frank, Julia G., Yvette Gerardin, Frank Ginty, Rick Greenwood, Janis Hall, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Deborah Hodgson-Lyons, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Lena Jones, Gouthum Karadi, Jane Kelly, Dana King, Margee Krebs, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Laura Lewandowski, Linda Lewis, Eva Lindsay, Sharon Livsie, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Michael J. Malone, Barbara Mathison, Adrienne Maxwell, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Morgan McCall, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Nancy Meath, Melanie, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Lou Anne Nabhan, Ashley Nickerson, Mary Beth Noel, Jan Orgain, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ernest Perry, Courtney Phillips, Scott Pittman, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Lee Powell, Lyn Presson, Tom Rader, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Nancy B. Reed, Brenda Rohadfox, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Alison Roussy, Brenda Quinn, Jason R., Jennifer Reed, Kaley Rosenthal, Richard Sanger, Robert Sass, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, T. Logan Scott, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Jim and Mary Beth Shannon, Todd Shelton, *Maj. David Shuford, Jr.*, Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Ross Southward, Josh Spain, Ben Sparks, Jayne Speck, Reilly Starr, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Margaret Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, *Matt Thompson, Sr.*, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Carol and Don Wakeley, Suzanne Wallace, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Donna Williams, Trevor Wingate, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Sue Wootton, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Wesley Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those who have died**, especially *Jeanette Lynne Hedrick and Elizabeth Parker Whittet O'Connor*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the *Anglican Church of South America*. **For ReWork Richmond**. **For an end to gun violence**. **For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Iran, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service**: CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn, Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson, Abraham Schlossberg, and Lt. Alex Whitmire.

Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.

In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Mary Feldman at mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org.

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